

**HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES**

**4/22/03 - 6:30 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
City Hall - Staff Room
3500 Pan American Dr.
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m., with the following members present:

**Sonny Armbrister
Luis Cabrera
Steven Caceres
Mariano Cruz
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
David Marko
Gary Reshefsky
Jami Reyes
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)
Luis de Rosa (entered the meeting at 6:56 p.m.)
Rhonda Vangates**

Absent: Rolando Aedo; Ringo Cayard; Julie Grimes

Note for the Record: Due to a conflict of interest, Larry M. Spring is no longer a member of the Board.

I. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2003.**

HD/NIB MOTION 03-31

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2003.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: L. de ROSA
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMISSIONER REGALADO ADDRESSES THE BOARD.

Commissioner Regalado addressed the Board concerning Bryan, West End and Robert King High Parks. His main focus was on Bryan Park. He asked for the Board's support in appropriating approximately \$100,000 towards repairs inside Bryan Park, and expressed concern to the Board regarding West End and Robert King High Parks. Each of these parks is located in District 4. He suggested that monies for the repairs to Bryan Park could come from unallocated Bond funds.

A question was raised as to the definition of "unallocated" Bond funds. CIP Director Jorge Cano explained that there are no unallocated bond funds at present, as all funds are tied to some project.

Chairman Flanders inquired as to whether some project(s) would have to be de-funded in order to fund the Bryan Park Repairs Project, to which Commissioner Regalado replied that any funds allocated to this project would only impact proposed projects in District 4 and funding this project may not necessarily mean de-funding any other project within the district. Chairman Flanders voiced the consensus of the Board that any Commissioner has the prerogative to appropriate monies to various projects within his own district as he sees fit.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-29

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 OF BOND FUNDS FOR REPAIRS TO BRYAN PARK; FURTHER REQUESTING THAT THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION IDENTIFY THE POOL(S) OF BOND FUNDS FROM WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATION WOULD BE MADE.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: M. REYES
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

- Ronda Vangates – nominated by Vice-Chairman Teele.

Ms. Vangates previously worked in the City of Miami Government as Chief of Staff under Mayor Joe Carollo and as Special Assistant under City Manager Carlos Gimenez. She is presently working with Miami-Dade Commissioner Barbara Carey.

- Steven Caceres – nominated by Commissioner Regalado.

Mr. Caceres has been a resident of the City of Miami for approximately 30 years and is a City of Miami police officer.

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, SANTIAGO CORRADA.

Mr. Corrada is a former employee of the Miami-Dade County School Board. He has been on the job as Director of Parks and Recreation for only 12 days. He commended former Director Albert Ruder and former Assistant Director Terry Griffin for doing a fantastic job with the Parks program, on a very small budget.

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT
BY GARY RESHEFSKY AND DAVID MARKO.

The Audit Committee met twice since the March 25, 2003 Board Meeting during which both the Fire and Police Departments made presentations to the Committee re their respective lists of needs. The Police Department had some issues which they will update the Committee on within the next month. The Committee requested Pilar Saenz of the CIP Department to address the Board at today's meeting re a better system of reporting on projects, how much money has been allocated and how much has actually been spent. Ms. Saenz provided the Committee with a schedule of appropriations. 24 percent of Bond funds has presently been appropriated and approximately three percent has actually been spent on various projects. CIP will be providing a monthly appropriations schedule to the Board.

- Track renovations at Moore Park.

\$1.1 million of bond funds have been earmarked for Moore Park. Approximately \$80,000 is being requested for track renovations, including resurfacing of the track. The Committee recommended approval of this project. Ed Blanco of the Parks Department will provide a progress report on this project within six months.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-33

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE MOORE PARK TRACK RENOVATION PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: L. de ROSA
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- Track renovations at Curtis Park.

The Committee recommended approval of this project. Ed Blanco of the Parks Department will report to the Board within six months regarding the progress of this project.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-32

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CURTIS PARK TRACK RENOVATION PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: M. REYES
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- Land acquisitions for Little Haiti Park.

Presentation by Madeline Valdes and Keith Carswell of the Department of Economic Development. The Department is looking to acquire four contiguous parcels of land in the Little Haiti area at a cost of approximately \$483,810, for use as a parking lot for the Caribbean Marketplace, a cultural component of the park or for some other suitable use. The project has been broken up into two phases and this proposed acquisition would be a component of Phase I. Economic Development Director Carswell assured the Board that development of the Little Haiti Park Project would not go beyond the scope of dollars available for same. He also informed the Board that the park is not being developed as a 60-acre contiguous park.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-30

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE ACQUISITION OF FOUR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE LITTLE HAITI COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT IN PHASE I OF THE LITTLE HAITI PARK PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY
NAYS: S. CACERES; L. CABRERA
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

- Emergency Finding for the Orange Bowl Stadium 2003 Structural Repairs.

The Committee recommended approval of this project, including approximately \$2,000,000 of line items that Juan Ordonez of the CIP Department explained has already been spent or will be spent on repairs to the Orange Bowl. Board Member Marko raised the question of why the Orange Bowl does not presently have a permanent staff to perform preventive maintenance duties. Mr. Ordonez replied that there is currently a lawsuit pending, involving the people who formerly performed maintenance at the Orange Bowl and the matter would remain pending until the legal issues are resolved. Vice Chairman Reyes suggested that the consultant who is hired for this project should identify ways that the Orange Bowl might be used to generate cash flow and inquired as to whether the City would be better off destroying the Orange Bowl and converting it to some other use. Board Member de Rosa suggested that the Orange Bowl site would be an excellent place for corporate services.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-34

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR THE ORANGE BOWL STADIUM 2003 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS PROJECT; FURTHER, THAT A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE ORANGE BOWL STADIUM AS SOON AS IS LEGALLY POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT STRUCTURAL DEGRADATION OF THE SITE.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: L. CABRERA
ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- Professional services agreements for Shenandoah (\$200,000) and Bryan (\$70,000) parks improvements.

These projects are located in District 4, Commissioner Regalado's district.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-35

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR SHENANDOAH PARK (\$200,000) AND BRYAN PARK (\$70,000)

MOVED: M. CRUZ
 SECONDED: L. de ROSA
 ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA.

Vice Chairman Reyes requested to change the Board's regular meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-36

A MOTION TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 6 P.M., COMMENCING WITH THE BOARD MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27, 2003.

MOVED: M. REYES
 SECONDED: L. de ROSA
 ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

No additional items.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-37

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: J. REYES

SECONDED: M. REYES

ABSENT: R. AEDO; R. CAYARD; J. GRIMES

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.